

Lexington Caucasian.

OUR NEW ASSOCIATE.

From this day forward, we hope steadily to improve the Caucasian. We have, at last, reached a place from which we must have smooth sailing. We have heretofore labored under many difficulties—serious obstacles have lain across our path of usefulness. We are thankful to be able to say that the prospects are now for a speedy removal of all these hindrances. We expect, ere long, to find ourselves unhampered—our hands free to strike when, where and as we please.

We have just associated with us in the publication of the Caucasian, Hon. Chas. J. Nesbitt, formerly representative in the Maryland Legislature, of Washington county, next to Baltimore, the best and most important county in the state. He is a gentleman of stainless integrity, just and accurate in all his dealings. Born a planter's son, and himself a large land-owner in Maryland, Iowa and Missouri, his sympathies and interests are naturally with the sturdy yeomanry, the great producing classes, of the country. A thorough-going, energetic business-man, he has had years of experience in the newspaper line, and has accumulated a competency in that field of labor. He comes to throw his whole strength into the building-up of the Caucasian. The business of our paper will, from this day, be pushed with all the vim that one man can put into it. We commend Mr. Nesbitt to the regard of all the Caucasian's friends, and hope the acquaintance and connection now begun may prove both pleasant and profitable for many years to come.

Our esteemed associate, Mr. Allen, who retires from the paper after having seen it weather many storms, will still lend us his countenance and good offices. Though losing him as a partner, we still retain him as a counselor and friend.

Next week, the Caucasian may be expected to resume its strictly theological character, from which heretofore it has been excluded. We, God helping us, be no letting down.

WHAT IS MEANT BY "POLITICIAN?"

A SMALL DOSE OF WEBSTER AND COMMON SENSE COMBINED.

It amuses us to see the wrangling going on among office-seekers who address audiences of the people at the present time. Taking for granted that the war upon false and faithless politicians, puts that term into immediate reproach, every old partisan, whose rum-blown proboscis has been seen on public platforms, regularly during the past ten, twenty or thirty years, declares emphatically in his opening remarks that he is not, and never was, a politician. This is nearer the truth than the majority of these creatures ever intentionally get. By a reference to Webster's Unabridged Dictionary (last edition) it will be seen that a politician is:—1. One who is versed in the science of government and the art of governing; one devoted to politics. Is there anything of which to be ashamed in that? 2. One who is devoted to the advancement of a political party. What is particularly wrong in that, if the principles and practices of the party be just and honorable? But it also means, opprobriously, "one who dabbles in public affairs, as a mere politician." It thus requires to be qualified by "mere" to render it understood in an offensive sense.

Then "a politician" is simply "one who is versed in the science of government and the art of governing." We hope this point will not be forgotten by those timid old sticks who occasionally find themselves face to face with the hardy sons of toil, and who get so terribly nervous when they hear the word "politician" spoken in their presence. Gentlemen, be men! If you are so honored as to be regarded as politicians in the true sense, don't squirm like skittish panthers when you hear your names—the people's—voice in denunciation of partisan rascality. It is an honor, yes, it is the duty of every intelligent citizen, to be a thorough politician in this noble sense. No man can cast an intelligent vote who does not know something of the "science of government and the art of governing." Rather than apologize for being a politician, stand up before the people and tell them (if you are an honest politician) that you are one. The farmers of the country are not making war upon politicians, but upon corrupt men, and out of office. When they say politician, they palpably mean "partisan"—that miserable wretch who will sell both country and soul for the gratification of a bundle of stupid prejudices, in the hope of party preferment and the grasp of the flesh-pots at party's disposal.

There is not a public speaker in the country who is not a politician to a greater or less extent. The editor of every secular journal is either a politician or a fool. The term is not offensive to the Caucasian, nor can it be to any American citizen. We claim to be a politician, and to have originated one of the grandest political movements which ever took place in Missouri—the victorious Emancipation Policy of 1870. No denunciation of ward-tricksters nor cross-roads demagogues, shall frighten our soul from a defense of the truth. We are no farmers; and we have no special favors to ask of this or any other class. If we approve, as we do, their movement, and bid it God-

speed, it is because, as an honest politician, we are able to forecast that it is for the public weal;—that it is just;—that it is eminently timely;—and that its effect will be highly beneficial in purifying existing parties, and in hurrying thieves and despots from office.

Don't tell the farmers you once worked three days on a farm; or that your grand-father was a farmer; or that your aunt's sister-in-law's uncle's wife's cat was raised on a farm; or that you are a brevet farmer, because you hold a mortgage on some other man's land. The farmers are not fools. They know just why you say all this;—because you are a conscience-stricken coward. The very attempt to escape from the presumption that you are a tradesman, a both journeyman tradesman, renders you obnoxious to the charge. Stand up like a man and tell just what you are. If you are a politician in the true sense, they will think none the less of you for it.

GO IT, YE CRIPPLES.

More Lynch law. More organized murder by "highly respectable citizens." More diabolism by "worthy gentlemen who have borne with the law's delays too long already." Missouri's God-forsaken soil once more polluted with the blood of her own sons, slain, unheard, untried, unconvicted and uncondemned. The red life-time of two more victims crying from our accursed soil, to heaven for vengeance.

Two supposed horse-thieves were caught last Saturday at Dr. Thatcher's farm, near Cole's Camp. They had none to plead their cause. They were strangers. The circumstances surrounding them were, perhaps, suspicious. They were allowed no opportunity to defend themselves or explain. A furious mob of "exemplary citizens" took them to the woods and hung them, and their miserable bodies were left dangling to a tree for the buzzards to devour. Blessed be the buzzards who soonest pluck away the damnable reproach to our state, our age, our people, our glozed-over savagery dubbed "civilization." Will we be the Courier-Journal say, "Missouri has had three lynchings in two months, and the lynchings have not yet come to the end of the rope." In God's name, when is this carnival of mob massacre—mob murder—to cease? Abolish our courts. Tear down our court-houses, or give them up to the owls and the bats. Hang all our lawyers, judges, sheriffs and jailors. Make a bonfire of all laws, human and divine, and kindle the pile with flames of hell. Mobocracy—wild, brutal, demonic mobocracy—reigns triumphant in Democratic Missouri! And our "high and noble patriots"—our "eminent Christian statesmen"—our "heroic Governor," Silas Woodson—for refusing to hoist those damnable, damnable name to its mast-head, the Caucasian was denounced as a recreant and traitor—Silas Woodson, sits idly in his gilded den, and with all the power of the state at his command, sees her mob-murdered citizens—sees human life made the cheapest, vilest thing in all our borders! Down with him! Down with every fraud and failure, ignorance, ass and dastard—whether Radical or Democrat!

A BATCH OF DISTINGUISHED CONVICTS.

James O'Gorman, our worthy county clerk, G. C. Alexander, of the American Bible Repository, Gustave Primer, a brother of our well-known druggist and snake-cultivator, and Alexander Mott, a popular coffee-house, left for Jefferson City, Wednesday evening, in charge of Deputy U. S. Marshal M. Franklin. The charge against them is having sold a barrel of keg or sardine-box to somebody, without first canceling the yankee internal revenue stamp. This whole system of bung-melting revenue collecting, arresting and prosecuting, is a damnable tissue of outrages. Any gentleman who, by a mere inadvertence, overlooks some blacking-box-label likeness of the old baboon of the Sangamo—blackguard Abe—pasted over a beer-keg bung, is liable at a moment's warning to be seized by the minions of Doodledom, dragged away from his family and business to a distant city, and put to hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars of expense—for what? Any crime? Any fraud? Any suspicion of dishonesty? Not a bit of it. Simply an oversight—a little absence of mind—forgetfulness—carelessness. The whole vile mess of abominations should be overthrown. A man should never be liable to arrest, except for crime—charged, or suspected on good grounds. These odious laws assume guilt in every case of suspicion. Tear 'em up—execute their enactments—and execute their executors.

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except Lafayette, and also in Jackson, Ray, Clay, Macon and St. Charles. We still think a well-organized "State Police" the far preferable method of bringing order out of disorder. The "militia" hollowness of Fletcher and McClurg, a few years ago, gave us an incurable distaste for that style of remedy,—even when prescribed and administered by Democratic doctors.

SLAYBACK'S "NATIONAL NECESSITY."

We republish this week, from the Independent Monthly, a paper from the pen of Col. A. W. Slayback, of St. Louis. We commend it to the careful perusal of our host of readers, with the brief explanation that it was prepared in a single night, and went to press without the opportunity of revision by its busy author, who had no time to give to it that elegant polish which it otherwise would have been sure to receive from him. This literary production is further proof of what we have ever claimed for our distinguished friend—that he is second to no lawyer, writer or politician in Missouri, in the qualities of perspicacity, perspicuity, and breadth of thought. His words and warnings are those of a true and earnest patriot.

TO THE CAUCASIAN'S DEBTORS.

There having been a change of partnership in the publication of the Caucasian, it becomes absolutely necessary that all its old accounts shall be settled up without delay. Thousands of dollars are honestly due for legitimate service, advertising, job-work, and subscriptions. We have during the late, but now past, severe monetary pressure, been exceedingly lenient toward all our debtors; but this change imperative demands an entire settlement. This cannot be longer delayed, and we thus distinctly make known a fact which, if recognized, and acted upon, may save unpleasant feeling. The accounts of the Caucasian office are in hand for collection, and must be settled voluntarily or otherwise, at once. Hereafter, we shall act as nearly as possible upon a cash basis, paying cash for what we may choose to purchase, and demanding cash payment for all services rendered.

Reader, if you know you are indebted to the Caucasian, don't suppose we are addressing some delinquent in an adjoining town or county, for *thou art the man*. All our business must be wound up immediately. Save annoyance to yourself and us, by calling at our office forthwith and settling.

LYNCH-LAW AGAIN.

Scarcely have the murders in Callaway fixed public attention when we have accounts of the lynching of two horse-thieves in Benton county—another region of the State where the lawless rule of the lynch-law is rampant. The lynch-law is the lynch-law in all parts of the State. It is a time to stop these things. Missouri needs law, and it needs it, vigorous, uncompromising enforcement. It is disgraced, as it has never been before, in its power, by mob violence, insulting contempt for law, shameful inefficiency in its administration. We demand of every citizen, that he should stand up for the law, and with all the power of the state at his command, see her mob-murdered citizens—sees human life made the cheapest, vilest thing in all our borders! Down with him! Down with every fraud and failure, ignorance, ass and dastard—whether Radical or Democrat!

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STATE NEWS.

The Cole county fair commences Sept. 30. Cooper county will hold no fair this fall. More lead veins discovered in Webster county.

Camp meetings and county fairs all over the state.

Wild turkeys invite the aim of Iron county hunters.

Eight families have lately left Phelps county for California.

Bread thieves invade the kitchens of Cedar county housewives.

Hannibal is shipping 50 car loads of lumber westward every day.

Two horse-thieves were strung up in Benton county last Saturday.

Lead and iron have both been found near Newburg, Laclede county.

Representative McWorkman, of Cole county, has removed to St. Louis.

Jno. Davis, of Tipton, died suddenly with genuine cholera, on the 31st inst.

A movement is on foot for the improvement of the O-gee river by locks and dams.

The great Grangers' State Convention takes place at Jefferson City, October 1.

New Madrid county will put three thousand bags of cotton into market this year.

A Cape Girardeau whisky distillery has been started for taxes by the U. S. Collector.

D. A. Burton, of the Lutescent Herald, is now "editor" of the Marble Hill Standard.

The United States District Court has been in session at Jefferson City during the week.

The St. Louis Italians have petitioned Congress to abate the yankee slave traffic in Italian children.

There was a corn corn-er in St. Louis last Saturday, which resulted in considerable distress to both "shorers" and "longs."

Two farmers living near Cassville closed in mortal combat with pitchforks, gouges, and clubs, and flashing each other to a fearful extent.

The ladies of Springfield are holding rousing public meetings with a view of breaking up the whisky shops and gambling houses. They seem in earnest and are getting on a big head of steam.

Chillicothe has another sensation—an eloquent between a nigger and a white farmer's daughter. The girl was endeavored by the African; and the people want to hang him. No forced outrage is charged—A dirty case all around.

Mrs. Dutro, widow of one of the men murdered by the Cass county mob, passed through St. Louis, on Wednesday, and took place lately in Henry county, if we are to believe the Herald Democrat.

It was an election for five judges under the township organization. If the township judges are such good promoters of Democracy, better set it up in all the states.

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GENERAL NEWS.

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Don Hidalgo is to be the Spanish Minister to the United States.

The investigation of the Wawasett horror results in blaming the officers.

The last installment of the French war indemnity to Germany will be paid October 14th.

Dean Hickman, an old-time snob, and fashionable dead-head, died in Washington Tuesday.

Wm. Scott, of Oil City, Pa., was assassinated Wednesday night. Shot in the head four times.

Butler's son-in-law, Gen. Ames, has been nominated by the niggers of Mississippi for Governor.

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Terrific hurricanes on the Atlantic ocean are reported. Ships, loaded with crockery ware, were tossed about till their freight was utterly ruined. The sea is strewn with wrecks.

Rev. W. J. Watkins, pastor of the M. E. church at Watkin, Iowa, committed suicide by drowning on the 31st inst.

He didn't have religion enough to bear the ills of this life a few years longer.

The directors and promoters of the Continental railroad, held a meeting at St. Louis, Wednesday, and talked of building the road, and solving the transportation problem within two years.

Some horses took flight at an Irish wake near the town of Skiddy, Kansas, on the 31st ult., and breaking loose from their fastenings, rushed down the road with a full gallop, and trampled over the heads of three persons, one a woman.

A Washington dispatch says that Treasurer Spinner has stated that he never saw a better executed counterfeit than the \$500 legal tender note now made public, and that the whole issue of \$35,000,000 will have to be called in and a new series issued.

The great Kansas horse, "Smuggler," is creating a furor. He trotted at Prospect Park course, on the 1st, a private trial, Bonner and hundred of others keeping time as follows: He trotted three miles in 2:21; and 2:21—the last half of the last best in 1:58.

A new and just freight schedule has been published to take effect on the Toledo, Wabash & Western, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, and the Illinois Central. We hope the reformation will do good to the shippers, and that it may do so, the credit is due the bandaged farmers, nevertheless.

Burglars bored through the vault and paring through the safe of the German Savings Bank at Leavenworth, Kas., on the 21st inst., and would, no doubt, have obtained a hundred thousand dollars, if not for the vigilance of the watchman.

The presence of many persons on the street had not frightened them off.

A Paris (Ky.) dispatch of the 31st says the cholera is raging there to a fearful extent. There have been forty-five deaths in the city, and the cholera is spreading rapidly.

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WHAT SHALL WE WEAR?

FASHION OBSERV.

[From the St. Louis Globe.]

New York dunnies now wear short umbrellas, stuck like a dagger in the belt. The idea, as nearly as we are able to get any, seems to be that this heroic style is suited to the greater effect to that variety of furniture—fashionable—except that its origin may be traced to Saragossa, and its use to the fact that neither insulator, nor protector, it has been affected in the metropolis of the west, notwithstanding the late grasshopper visitation.

Some suits for girls, manufactured in New York, are interesting to those with little people's wardrobes to look after.

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